



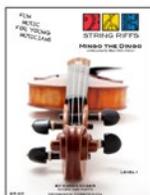
STRING RIFFS

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Level 1 - **Mingo the Dingo** for String Orchestra (found in String Riffs Singles)
"Mingo" features sonorous three-part writing within the D-major scale. Students love the rests which make the piece feel slightly jazzy. (1.50).

Title available: Stantons.com, JWPepper.com, TeachersPayTeachers.com, StringRiffs.com



Level Beg-.5 - **Hootenanny Flex-Pack** for String Orchestra (found in String Riffs Flex-Packs)
Tune, Challenge, & Open String Parts. Students choose or are assigned which part they wish to play. Hootenanny teaches: fermata; dotted half, half, quarter, and eighth notes; and, stop bows. (1.00).

Title available: StringRiffs.com and TeachersPayTeachers.com



Level 1 - **D Major Scale Gone Wild!** for String Orchestra (from One Octave Scale Study Sheets from C through 4 sharps and 4 flats - found in String Riffs Scale Studies)
Use for Warm-up, sight reading, precision, style, bowings, or as a worksheet. Teaches: Whole, Half, Quarter, and Eighths; and Rhythm (1.30).

Title available: StringRiffs.com (single scale), StringRiffs.com (complete scale set) & TeachersPayTeachers.com (single scale), TeachersPayTeachers.com (complete set)



Level 1-2 - **Spicy Tacos!/Jalapeño Poppers!** Multi-Level for String Orchestra (String Riffs Volume Three & Holiday Volumes - found in String Riffs Methods and String Riffs Sets)
Spicy Tacos!/Jalapeño Poppers! teach: syncopation; hooked and detaché bows; accents. Perform as two-part piece Spicy Tacos! only, Combine with Jalapeño Poppers! as a multi-level piece, Side by Side two groups perform (1.30).

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Level 1.5-2.5 - **Goblins Galore/Giggling Goblins** Multi-Level for String Orchestra (String Riffs Holiday Volume - found in String Riffs Sets)
Slide those impish fingers across spooky harmonics, spine-chilling glissandos and startling pizzicato punctuation. Versatile and fun, Goblins Galore may be played with Giggling Goblins to combine players of varying skill levels in one ensemble. Add more advanced friends to the party when the imps return with pizzicatos and trills, leaping from 1st to 3rd position and sliding mischievously down scale segments. (1.30).

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Level TBD - **Pupusas Especiales** for String Orchestra and Claves (found in String Riffs Singles - to be published Summer 2021)

Pupusas Especiales are special hand pies-handmade bread stuffed with beans, meat or cheese created specifically in El Salvador and the Honduras. Feel the dancing rhythm passed from instrument to instrument in this celebration of a tasty dish. Syncopation, pizzicato, claves, and pick-ups are passed throughout the orchestra. (2.30).

Title available: Stantons.com, StringRiffs.com, TeachersPayTeachers.com - Summer of 2021



Level 1.5-2 - **Orchestrocity: I. Violarific, II. Celloha, III. BASS-ic-al-ly, IV. Violinstinct** for String Orchestra (String Riffs Celebration Performance Set 4 - found in String Riffs Sets)

Each instrument takes the spotlight in a movement of this engaging suite. Great for recruiting, beginning of the year, or to feature a section.

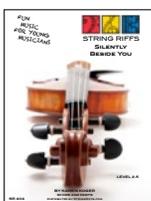
I. Violarific – The alto clef shines in 6/8 through resonant repeated viola notes over flowing accompaniment.

II. Celloha – Upper strings lay down a tropical pizzicato beat under a swaying cello melody.

III. BASS-ic-al-ly – The growly bass steals the show against a counterpoint of jazzy rests, accents and pizzicato.

IV. Violinstinct – Violins move to center stage in a perpetual-motion treat reminiscent of Bach's Brandenburg Concertos. (2.30).

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Level 2.5 - **Silently Beside You** for String Orchestra (found in String Riffs Singles)

Written in E minor, "Silently Beside You" uses rhythms influenced by Jimi Hendrix and features 16th notes, accents, hooked bows, shifting to 4th position in cello, shifting in bass, three- to five-part writing, slurs, and rapping on instruments for percussive effects. Also influenced by 5th grade composition model, and a photo with a Native America boy sitting silently on a stump through the night, passing into manhood, as his Father watched from the woods. (3.00).

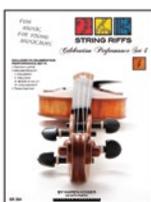
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Level 1.5 - **Veterans Day Celebration** for String Orchestra (String Riffs Holiday Volume - found in String Riffs Sets)

Beethoven's beloved "Ode to Joy" leads to a medley of familiar, patriotic favorites and hymns with a salute to our armed forces and a nod to the red, white and blue. Intro played, but not included for the Air Force. This is available as a unison piece as well. (3.00).

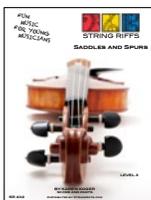
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Level 2.5 - **Twitchy Latte** for String Orchestra (String Riffs Celebration Performance Set 4 - found in String Riffs Sets)

Pep up your day with syncopation, controlled glissandos and jittery tremolos. Take a sip and dance the java jive using soli phrases passed between instruments. Swing it! (3.00).

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Level 3.0 - **Saddles and Spurs** for String Orchestra (found in String Riffs Singles)
Yippee-ki-yay! Pull on your cowboy boots and ride the range from open strings to 3rd position with slurs, glissandi, accents and counting in brisk G major. (2.30).
Title available: StringRiffs.com, JWPepper.com, Stantons.com, TeachersPayTeachers.com



Level Beg-.5 - **Scampering Squirrels - Flex-Pack** for String Orchestra
(String Riffs Volume One Flex-Pack or Bundle - found in String Riffs Flex-Packs) Part A-Tune, Part B-Challenge, Part C-Open Strings, helpful for a diverse classroom
Focus on a straight bow and “motorcycle” rhythm to chase dynamics up and down the A- and D-string trees. Diverse classrooms choose which part is best for each student (1.00).
Title available: StringRiffs.com and TeachersPayTeachers.com



Level 3 - **Sundown Saddle Time** for String Orchestra (found in String Riffs Singles)
After a long day on the trail, Sundown Saddle Time brings the horses home with pizzicato, slap bass, and tied notes tugging on the reins. Violas, cellos, and basses take turns swinging back to the stables with off-beat eighth rests and kicking up their heels with energetic fiddle-flavored 16th- note patterns before easing into a sweet rendition of the traditional Welsh tune, “The Ash Grove.” Dotted quarter notes and cross-rhythms between instruments end with a brief foray into fifth position for the first violins and a gentle finish (3.00).
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Level 2 - **Mysh marsh** for String Orchestra (found in String Riffs Singles)
(Mouse March - pronunciation: myoosh marsch)
Burly mice in warm fur hats stomp with deliberate steps through the Mysh Marsh (Russian Mouse March). Violas and cellos move between divisi, pizzicato and arco in the key of D minor with plenty of dynamic contrast. Upper and lower strings pass the melody back and forth, keeping those serious rodents moving along with counter-rhythms and dramatic crescendos. (2.00).
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Level 2 - **Save and Serve Salute** for String Orchestra (String Riffs Holiday Volume - found in String Riffs Sets)
This tribute to those who protect and defend recalls all the reasons they serve with such loyalty, including a reminiscence of folk and hymn tunes and the familiar sounds of Americana (2.30).
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String Riffs D and A
Dawg-n-Abby
Fiddle Me This
D-String Dawg: G, F#, E, D
A Walk in the Park
Ghoulash
Waddle You Do?
Wispy Waltz
Peacock Prance
Pizz. and Bows - Strings Only
The Little D-String that Could
Hootenanny
A-String Abby: "High" D, C#, B, A
Water from the Moon
Chipmunk Chatter
Scampering Squirrels
Bisbee Broomsticks
Kung Fu Choo Choo

18 TUNES

STRING RIFFS VOLUME TWO Levels .5-1

Fiddle Strings
Boogie Woogie Two Shoes
D-String Dawg Round
D-String Dawg
Walking the Dawg
Super Heroes
Mary and Her Lambs
Enchi-chilada
U R A D-String Pro
A-String Abby Round
Meet A-String Abby
Scottish Lullaby
Donkey-Go-Round
Fiddle Me Home
Up on the House Top
Cabin by the Lake
Wickenburg Wigwag
Slippery Socks

18 TUNES

INDIVIDUAL PIECES LEVELS 1-3

Mingo the Dingo 1
I Saw a Fox • **New for 2020** Multi-Level 1
Mysh Marsh 2
Mud Puddle Splash Dance • **New for 2020** 2.5
Silently Beside You 2.5
Saddles and Spurs 2.5
Coastal Breezes 2.5
Sundown Saddle Time • **New for 2020** 3
Herkimer the Orchestra Elf 3

ONE OCTAVE SCALE STUDIES LEVELS 1-2

C Major Plus Major Keys Through 4# & 4b

STRING RIFFS VOLUME THREE Levels 1-2.5

Two Step Cha Cha 1
Three (Spotted) Owls in a Bird Bath 1
Spicy Tacos 1
Cottontail Capers 1.5
Rodeo Clowns 2
G-String George Round 1
G-String George 1
Road Runner Round Up 1
Jitter Puggle 1
Hedgehog Hustle 1.5
Yells at Dark Clouds 2
Arizona Rodeo 2
The Pirate's Awakening 1.5
The Pirate's Lair 1.5
Alligator Alouette 2
Celebration 2
Chaos to Ahhs 2.5
Gila Monster Mash Up 2

18 TUNES

HOLIDAY VOLUME LEVELS 1-2.5

Goblins Galore 2.5
Giggling Goblins 1.5
Veterans Day Celebration 1.5
The Bold and the Brave 1.5
Save and Serve Salute 2
Jalapeño Poppers! 2
Dizzy Dreidels 1
White Coral Jingle Bells 1.5
On a Cold Winter's Night 2
Jukebox Jingle 2.5

10 TUNES

CELEBRATION PERFORMANCE SET 1 LEVELS 1-3

Tree Celli Mon for Cello Trio 1-2
Heart Strings for Cello Qtet 3
Click Beetle Boogie-Cello Qtet 1.5-3

CELEBRATION PERFORMANCE SET 2 LEVELS 2.5-3

Avalanchia 3
Jester's Court 3
The Storm 2.5

CELEBRATION PERFORMANCE SET 3 LEVELS 2.5-3

Guppy Tales 2.5
Salamander Meander 2.5
Mosquito Poquitito 3

CELEBRATION PERFORMANCE SET 4 LEVELS 1.5-3

Orchestrocity 1.5-2
I. Violarific - 1.5; II. Celloha - 1.5
III. BASS-ic-cal-ly - 2; IV. Violinstinct - 2
Twitchy Latté 2.5
'Twas the Cat 3

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